



# MACC “TRACKS” MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**Babs Lucas**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Mathews

Well, here we are again at the festive time of the year! There might be a few car shows somewhere this month, but mostly this is the season for parties, and parades and family. I hope that everyone will participate in at least one of the upcoming parades. If you have never ridden in a Christmas Parade, you've really missed a lot of fun, and if you have, you know what I mean. There is nothing to compare with decorating your Vette and seeing the faces in the crowd as we parade down the street. And yes!, in MACC tradition, there is always something good to eat somewhere before or after the parade (sometimes both). I look forward to seeing everyone at the MACC Christmas Party on Dec. 5 at Grayson Valley Country Club in Trussville.

We have a lot of things to look forward to in the coming year with lots of shows and trips.....2009 will be the YEAR OF FUN ! Plan on being a part of it !

Sharon and I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families a wonderful holiday season and may all your dreams come true.

Remember to “SAVE THE WAVE”

Terry Mathews

# Sunshine News

Babs Lucas

Our special birthdays for the month of December begin:

Cindy Maddox  
Jerry Mahaffey  
Carol Yarbro  
Justin Zemo  
Michael Chaney  
Stever Hawk  
Tom Fisher  
Eric Cohen  
Chris Gilliland  
Evie Williams  
Chris Radue  
Wayne Allen  
Linda Kimbrough  
Johnny Hill  
Joy Hopkins



Our HAPPY couples with anniversaries in December, 2008:

Ronnie & Sheryl Folds on the 11th  
Mike & Suzie Lavett on the 11th  
Johnny & Karen Hill on the 12th  
Hoke & Charlotte Graham on the 26th  
Raymond & Gloria Williams on the 27th

Be in good health and cheer day by day. Try to make the sun shine for some one else!

Babs Lucas  
Sunshine chair

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Terry & Toby Truett

What's up fellow Vette friends. We are looking forward to another great year with all of you guys!  
Please feel free to contact us anytime with new information or corrections concerning your membership.

## Membership Notes:



If you would like to be spotlighted as a member of the month just let me know. Otherwise, since most of you guys are timid, reserved, and shy I'll just pick someone.

If you want your picture updated or added to the web site just let Paul know.  
[Pboehme8464@yahoo.com](mailto:Pboehme8464@yahoo.com)

Hey, we picked up a couple of new members last month:

Ken Moreland from Pell City – 2005 White Convertible

Jimmy and Angie Messina – 1971 Orange Convertible – 2007 White Coupe

Welcome guys! Be sure to meet these news folks at the next meeting.

### Dues

The 2009 dues are due. Please submit payment at the next meeting or you can mail to Sara at: 208 East Linwood Drive, Homewood, al 35209. They are due on Nov 1 and late after Dec 31. \$50 if married and \$25 if single. After Dec 31 your dues will be late and you will be removed from email list, not to mention all the other bad stuff that may happen, get your check to Sara!

## Closing Thoughts:

It was so good to see a lot of folks at the last meeting that we have not seen in a while, thank you for coming and supporting your club! If you have not made it to a meeting in a while, WE MISS YOU! Come join in all the fun and fellowship.

If Toby or I can ever be of an assistance to you or your family whether club or personal please do not hesitate to call on us.

Hey guys, don't forget the true meaning of this time of year, reach out and help others in need and I would not be much of a friend if I didn't also remind us all to remember when and why all of this began; it was a baby, born of a virgin, in a manger about 2008 years ago. I pray if you're not walking with the Lord that He may move upon your heart this season and help you to understand about this little baby, his name is Jesus.

God Bless!

Terry and Toby Truett

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## News of Interest

Recently, Thom Williamson received an email from John Promer, an original member of MACC. Paul forwarded this email to me suggesting that we should use it in the newsletter. With John's permission, here is a copy of this great story. (Joy)

We would be honored to have you picture 'ol blue in the MACC newsletter.

Jeanne and I took our 63 split window to Hikes Point Chevrolet in Louisville, Kentucky to trade in for a Caprice since we were just out of engineering school and pregnant and thought it was time to "grow up". Well, just so happened 'ol blue was on the show room floor so we grew up by having two Corvettes. Brought our new daughter home from the hospital in the back of the car (no seat belts or car seats) and she just turned 40. Two years later our son was born so the 4 of us traveled between Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin for many happy miles. Today I would be afraid to go around the block with one of the grandchildren without a car seat. About two years later we sold the car to Dr. Messersmith in Trenton, NJ so we could buy our first house (\$18,500). We had also sold the split window ( stuck the guy for \$1650).

In November of 1981 I found the doc and my Corvette in Denton, Texas and managed to buy her back. The car had never seen any damage and had immaculate monthly records. An article in the Shelby Reporter gave the car's history and also announced my intentions to start a Corvette club at my house in Alabaster. I still have pictures of the original folks in my driveway as the Mid Alabama Corvette Club got underway.

The body of the car was produced by the A.O.Smith Company in Iona , Michigan under contract to GM and shipped to St Louis for assembly. We now have 356,000 miles on the matching number car with the last paint job about 30 years ago. The original engine was reworked once. Except for the carpeting, the interior is original, which is quite a testimonial to the quality.

Regards,

John & Jeanne Promer



# Upcoming Social Events

Cathy Crapet

## Friday, December 5

Christmas Party  
Grayson Valley Country Club  
6:30 Social Hour  
7:15 Dinner  
Further details to follow

## Saturday, December 6

Alabaster Christmas Parade  
8:00 am  
Meet at the old Captain D's Location on HW 31 in Alabaster to decorate  
9:15am Line Up beings  
10:00am Parade Begins

Springville Christmas Parade  
6:00 pm  
Meet at the Middle School to decorate  
Jim & Cindy's afterwards for refreshments, please RSVP

## Saturday, December 13

Argo Christmas Parade  
1:00  
Call or e-mail Stacey Allen for further details



## **NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS**

The National Corvette Museum now offers a 20-page photo album to new Corvette buyers to commemorate the assembly of their car. This album includes 20 or more pages of photos of your Corvette at various stages in the building process. This Corvette photo album can be added to a Museum Delivery / Buyer's Tour package or purchased alone if you are ordering your new Corvette from a dealer. Prices range from \$300 to \$400. Visit [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org) to order photo albums online.

### **MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS**

Fred Atkins  
Tony & Cathy Crapet  
Hoke Graham  
Ronnie & Kathie Jones  
Doyal Marks  
Bill Ringle  
Bob Stewart  
Conrad Whitten  
Dale Zimlich

Wade & Jennifer Banks  
Ronnie & Cheryl Folds  
Steve & Susie Hawk  
Chuck Lewis  
Terry & Sharon Mathews  
Basil Sloan  
Chris Touchton  
Jeff & Evelyn Williams

Paul & Sara Boehme  
Chris Gilliland  
David & Arlene Johnson  
Jane & Jocko Lewis  
Billy & Debbie Porter  
  
Terry & Toby Truett  
Jim & Sherrye Willis

### **NC- 5 Corvette Trivia:**

C-5 Corvette Trivia 1997 – 2004: The only body style available for the 1997 Model year was the coupe which had a removable Targa Top. Production was limited to 9752 cars, a very low number resulting from a short model year run.

# Member Spotlight

Larry Davenport

Corvette Family,

My wife and I, spent two weeks in Maui, Hawaii in late August and what was suppose to be just another trip to paradise turned out even better. Sally and I had been to Hawaii a couple of times before and were more than willing to go again when my best friend asked if we would go with them. My friend, Andy (2007 Lemans Blue Coupe) was an Air Force brat and actually lived in Oahu as a young boy, now pushing 60 he had always wanted to get back and see his home. So as we planned the trip I started doing a lot of internet searches to be sure that we didn't miss anything while we were there. Being that Andy was having a birthday while on the trip I inquired on the Corvette Forum as to leasing a vette for the day and received several responses from "locals" on the best way to do so. One fellow was extremely helpful and via email offered his services if I had any other questions while planning our trip. I traded many emails with Salt, as I came to know him, over the next month asking questions about what to do where to eat, etc... Salt was so nice and answered all of our questions and volunteered tons of info for us, we even joked that he should become a travel agent. Before leaving for the trip we made plans to meet for lunch one day just so we could meet our new friend.

Well the big day arrived and we were at the Birmingham airport at 4:30 in the morning knowing we had a long day ahead. I won't bore you with airport stories but let's just say when we arrived in Maui 14 hours later we were bushed, then after our one hour shuttle ride to the hotel all we wanted to do is get checked in, get a bite to eat, and crash. As I checked in at the front desk the counter person said oh you have a package, wait right here. I thought it was really strange when she came out with a Styrofoam cooler all taped up and addressed to me. So we get to the room and open the cooler and it is packed with all kind of goodies (what we call a care package) it had a bottle of champagne, macadamia nuts, coconut brittle, maps of Hawaii, all kinds of great stuff. The card on top read, "I know you are probably tired so I dropped this off for you and the other couple, the champagne is to toast your vacation. Aloha, Salt". That had to be the absolute nicest thing anyone has ever done for me a stranger going out of his way to be sure we were comfortable.

Our vacation was wonderful; Andy had a great birthday and was given access to Hickam Air Force Base and found his childhood home. We met Salt for lunch and chatted for hours, after many mai-tai's we came to the conclusion that Hawaiians have the Hawaiian spirit, what we in the South call southern hospitality, and vette owners have corvette karma.

I bought my 2008 black coupe in July of 2007 and since that day I have been amazed at how other vette owners react and want to share their happiness with you. We joined a local vette club and every meeting we have or trip we take I would bet that 85 to 90% of the group shows up, I have never been in any club that has that kind of response on a constant basis. I wish I could be more poetic with my words but to Salt, Aloha my friend, you will always be in my memories...to all vette owners across the land, be sure to wave.

Larry Davenport



## Links of Interest:

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